

Appl. No. 10/649,078
Amdt. dated July 19, 2006
Reply to Office action of May 1, 2006

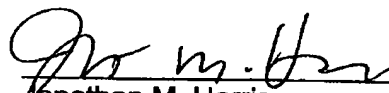
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants have received the Office action dated May 1, 2006, in which the Examiner: 1) rejected claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Ikeda et al. (U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0042515, hereinafter "Ikeda"); 2) objected to claims 3-5 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but concluded that claims 3-5 were otherwise allowable; and 3) allowed claims 6, 7, 9-13, 15, 16, 18-20, and 22-24.

With this Response, Applicants incorporate the limitations from allowable claim 4 into claim 1 and cancel claim 4. For at least the same reason that the Examiner concluded that claim 4 was allowable, the Examiner should readily conclude that claim 1 and dependent claim 2 are now allowable.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. It is believed that no extensions of time or fees are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Hewlett-Packard Development Company's Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

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